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HARD DRIVE HEAD SLIDERS
GROUP ART UNIT : 3723
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract are being submitted as a Substitute Specification with a marked-up version and a clean version following page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.